

Members Present: Petty, Thurow, Kent

Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Palm, Adm. Downing, E. Truman, B. Zeman, C. Haggard, T. Pinion, Kevin Vodak, Sean McNevin, members of the press

Call to Order –Ald. Petty called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. noting compliance with the Open Meeting Law. Moved by Kent, seconded by Thurow to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020 and carried unanimously. Moved by Kent, seconded by Thurow to approve the agenda and carried unanimously.

Action Items

- a) **Accounts Payable** – Moved by Kent, seconded by Thurow to recommend to Council for approval of the accounts payable for **\$4,388,355.42**. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) **Review and recommendation on request for discount of building permit fee for Jack Young Middle School project** Adm. Downing explained that because of an unexpected expense to extend a fire hydrant, the project is currently \$60,000 over budget. The School Board came to the City and requested that the building permit not exceed \$25,000 of the estimated permit fee of \$34,000. Adm. Downing presented the following things to consider:
 - o The project has not been bid yet therefore it is unknown if the \$60,000 estimate will actually be \$60,000 over budget
 - o If the City approved the discounted building permit, could the City issue a receivable to the School District and ask them to budget for the remaining \$9,000 in fiscal year 2021
 - o The High School paid the full square footage permit fee, no discount was given
 - o Staff is concerned with the precedence this decision will set with other developers and their future projects

K. Vodak noted that while he appreciates the concern with the precedence being set, the School District is a quasi-governmental tax exempt agency. As for the \$9,000 as a payable, the money is from the bond and not out of the general obligation fund.

S. McNevin stated that they approached the City because the \$60,000 fire hydrant on the backside of the building, was unforeseen cost in the project estimate. They were looking for ways to adjust the budget for the construction to accommodate for this. The building project has both major and minor remodels for a total estimated project cost of \$42M. He explained that they cannot go over budget with this project, they don't have the capacity of exceeding the bond; they will have to scale down on the final classroom fixtures.

Adm. Downing noted that City Engineer T. Pinion had mentioned delay payment for the permit and he could work on authorization to proceed without payment until the bids come in. T. Pinion reminded the Committee that this has been requested in the past, typically it was more in line with impact fees. T. Pinion does not recall ever reducing the permit fee.

Ald. Kent notes that it's very worrisome that they are concerned about being over budget already at this point in the project.

Ald. Petty would consider them getting the permit and hold off on the costs; however, to reduce the permit by \$9,000, this is money that could be used by the City for various items.

S. McNevin requests that City Engineer T. Pinon sit down with the general contractor and take a look at the numbers and see if there is a way to mitigate the cost this way; not necessarily cutting the cost of the permit. T. Pinion is willing to work with the architect and refine the numbers to be charged as accurate as possible.

No action taken. The building permit will be issued and T. Pinion will work with their architect to determine the permit fee. The School District will pay the permit fee based on T. Pinion's understanding of the project.

Informational Items – None.

Adjournment – Moved by Kent, seconded by Thurow and carried to adjourn at 6:37pm.
Brenda Zeman, City Clerk